Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

- 1. (currently amended) Dielectric resonator antenna comprising a <u>single</u> block of dielectric material of <u>specific permittivity</u> & said block having a first face intended to be mounted on earth plane and covered with a <u>first</u> metallic layer, wherein at least one second face perpendicular to the first face is covered with a <u>second</u> metallic layer contacting said metallic layer covering said first face, said <u>second</u> metallic layer covering said second face extending over a width less than the width of the second face and over a height less than or equal to the height of the second face.
- 2. (currently amended) The antenna according to Claim 1, wherein the <u>second</u> metallic layer covering the second face is centred with respect to the width of the said second face.
- 3. (currently amended) The antenna according to Claim 1, wherein the <u>second</u> metallic layer covering the second face is extended via a <u>third</u> metallic layer covering a third face parallel to the first face.
- 4. (currently amended) The antenna according to Claim 3, wherein the <u>third</u> metallic layer covering the third face stretches over a width less than the length of the third face.
- 5. (currently amended) the antenna according to claim 3, wherein the width of the <u>third</u> metallic layer covering the third face is different from the width of the <u>second</u> metallic layer covering the second face.
- 6. (Currently amended) Dielectric resonator antenna comprising a <u>single</u> block of dielectric material <u>of specific permittivity</u> <u>er</u> mounted on a substrate with a face forming ground plane, the block of dielectric material having a first face intended to be mounted on said substrate covered with a <u>first</u> metallic layer and a second face perpendicular to said first face covered with a <u>second</u> metallic layer contacting said <u>first</u> metallic layer covering said first face, said <u>second</u> metallic layer covering said second face extending over a width less than the total width of said second face a height less than or equal to the height of said

second face, said dielectric resonator being excited through a slot provided in the substrate and a microstrip line provided on a face of the substrate opposite to the face forming ground plane crossing said slot.

- 7. (Currently amended) The antenna according to claim 6, wherein the <u>second</u> metallic layer covering the second face is extended via a <u>third</u> metallic layer covering a third face parallel to the first face.
- 8. (Currently amended) The antenna according to claim 7, wherein the <u>third</u> metallic layer covering the third face stretches over a width less than the length of the third face.
- 9. (Currently amended) The antenna according to claim 8, wherein the width of the <u>third</u> metallic layer covering the third face is different from the width of the <u>second</u> metallic layer covering the second face.